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SUBJECT: TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO GREEK AMBASSADOR
IN OTTAWA BY CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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SENIOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER MADE AVAILABLE TO
POL COUNSELOR ON INFORMAL AND PERSONAL BASIS, TEXTS
OF AIDE MEMOIRES DELIVERED SEPARATELY AUGUST 15 TO
GREEK AMBASSADOR AND TURKISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BY THE NEW SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ALLAN MACHEACHEN.
EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT USG POSSESSION OF TEXT AND MODE
OF RECEIPT BE PROTECTED FULLY. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE
HANDLED TO GREEK AMBASSADOR FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS AS A MATTER OF
GRAVE CONCERN THE BREAKDOWN IN GREEK OF NEGOTIATIONS

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DESIGNED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT

FOR THE PROBLEMS IN CYPRUS AND THE SUBSEQUENT RESUMPTION
OF HOSTILITIES ON THE ISLAND.

CANADA FINDS ITSELF IN A SPECIAL POSITION IN THIS
SITUATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE
NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH AT THE
SAME TIME HAS SUBSTANTIAL PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN CYPRUS.
WE ARE THEREFORE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE POSSIBLE
CONSEQUENCES OF THE UNILATERAL RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES
BOTH FOR THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS AND FOR
THE NATO ALLIANCE. BECAUSE OF THE CRITICAL STRATEGIC
IMPORTANCE OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION, THE
HOSTILITIES ALSO POSE GRAVE RISKS TO GENERAL INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND STABILITY.

CANADA CONSIDERS THAT THROUGH ITS PARTICIPATION IN
THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE ON CYPRUS AND BY ITS ACTIONS
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO AND IN OTHER DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS, IT HAS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD
RESTORING AND PRESERVING CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD
ENABLE THE DIRECTLY CONCERNED PARTIES TO WORK
TOWARD A NEGOTIATED, PEACEFUL AND EQUITABLE
SETTLEMENT. CANADA HAS CALLED ON ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED TO ADHERE TO THE RELEVANT SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS WHICH REFLECT THE GROWING
CONCERN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ABOUT THE
CYPRUS SITUATION. AT THE REQUEST OF THE UN
SECRETARY-GENERAL, CANADA, ON JULY 25, AGREED TO
NEARLY DOUBLE THE SIZE OF ITS PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT
ON THE ISLAND. WITHIN NATO AND THROUGH BILATERAL
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS CANADA HAS URGED RESTRAINT AND
MODERATION ON ALL THE PARTIES; MORE SPECIFICALLY,
CANADA HAS SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE THREE GUARANTOR
POWERS, THE UNITED KINGDOM, GREECE AND TURKEY TO WORK
TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WHICH WOULD ALSO BE
ACCEPTABLE TO THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

CANADA WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE THREE
GUARANTOR POWERS ON JULY 30 WERE ABLE TO AGREE ON A
DECLARATION WHICH SEEMED TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE
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FRAMEWORK FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE WERE
THEREFORE HOPEFUL THAT THE TALKS WHICH BEGAN IN GENEVA
ON AUGUST 8TH WOULD RESULT IN FURTHER PROGRESS
TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, THE BREAKDOWN OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA AND THE SUBSEQUENT
UNILATERAL INITIATION OF RENEWED FIGHTING ON CYPRUS
REPRESENTED A SERIOUS SETBACK TO THE PROGRESS WHICH
HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. IT IS NOW IMPORTANT THAT PARTIES

TO THE DISPUTE REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTIONS WHICH COULD
LEAD TO AN ESCALATION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE REGION.

THE CONTINUANCE OF HOSTILITIES OF THIS NATURE
COULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE SECURITY AND SOLIDARITY
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, NOT ONLY IN ITS EASTERN
FLANK BUT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA. IN THIS CONNECTION,
THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED WITH CONSTERNATION AND
REGRET THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE TO
WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM THE INTEGRATED NATO COMMAND.
CANADA HOPES THAT THIS WILL BE A TEMPORARY MEASURE ONLY
AND THAT GREECE WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME SOON ITS FULL
PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE. FINALLY, IT IS ESPECIALLY
DISTRESSING TO CANADA TO BE IN A SITUATION WHERE CANADIAN
TROOPS PARTICIPATING IN A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FIND
THEMSELVES UNDER FIRE FROM PARTNERS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE.

IT IS THE CANADAIN GOVERNMENT'S EXPRESSED
DESIRE THAT THE INDEPENDENT AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS BE BROUGHT TO REALIZATION
THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH IN AN ATMOSPHERE
OF PATIENCE AND MODERATION. IN PARTICULAR, CANADA
HAS URGED THAT THE MILITARY ACTIONS NOW PREVENTING
THE RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY
AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE RESUMED WITHOUT DELAY, AS
CALLED FOR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF
AUGUST 14, 1974. END QUOTE.
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